

Tartars Saxons, Survive CIF Games

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Jamie Smith

(A Sports Editorial)

Jamie Smith, the friend of kids, died Thursday in a Washington, D.C. hospital, shortly after sustaining a heart attack. He was 72.

Jamie Smith could either impress people as a hard business tycoon or an extremely pleasant sportsman. He had a tremendous fancy for all athletics. Bigtime contact sports or wild game hunting; they all meant so much to him. He was convinced, too, sports had a marvelous effect on the well being of youngsters.

A few years ago he discovered some boys defacing the 7-Up premises he managed in Los Angeles. The boys' excuse was they did not know how to use their spare time.

Mr. Smith asked the boys if he got them some sports equipment would they promise not to do the act again. They said, "Yes."

From this experience was born the 7-Up Youth Foundation, a philanthropic operation which has outfitted Little League Baseball and similar programs with hundreds of thousands of dollars of sponsorships.

Organizations which have taken advantage of Jamie Smith's goodwill include many Little Leagues, Pony Leagues and Babe Ruth Leagues in Torrance, Redondo, Palos Verdes and, well, just name any community in Los Angeles or Orange County.

The budget has continued to grow year after year with no gimmicks attached. Countless groups attempted to show their appreciation to Mr. Smith while he was alive, but he did not believe it was necessary as long as the money was put to good use.

Other accounts of Mr. Smith's life have been recalled over the weekend, listing the many major roles he played in bringing greatness to athletics in and around Los Angeles.

But nothing more important could be done to perpetuate the spirit of Jamie Smith than to have the 7-Up Youth Foundation live on in his memory.—Henry Burke.

South Eliminated By Poly, 69-59

By HENRY BURKE
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A lack of clutch shooting by the South High Spartans forced their elimination from the CIF "AAA" basketball playoffs Friday. The team was beaten at home, 69-59, by the defending champions from Long Beach Poly.

Poly, one of the favorites in the tournament, used a full court press defense to shackle the Bay League participants. The Jackrabbits, however, left wide open gaps on defense, but South either missed shots or gave up the ball on pass interceptions time after time.

Saari Aims At Records In Swimming

"I'm in the best shape I have been since before the Olympics, and I hope to break a few American marks before I compete in the NCCAA," Olympic gold medal winner Roy Saari of the University of Southern California has stated.

Saari is but one of 25 male and female Olympic swimmers who have entered the First Annual Southern California Invitational swimming championships, Saturday and Sunday at City of Commerce's Natatorium.

There will be an Olympic swimmer in every event, and each day of competition will feature a full schedule of men's and women's swimming events.

In addition to Saari, other Olympic swimmers who have sent in their applications include SC's Bill Craig, Wayne Anderson, Bob Bennett, Rich McGeagh, and from UCLA, Stan Cole and Dave Ashleigh. Canada's great Olympian Sandy Gilchrist, Argentina's Louis Nicolao.

Ventura Falls to North

As the CIF "AAA" basketball playoffs move into the quarter-finals Tuesday, North High finds itself in the thick of things with a pair of victories over perennial contenders Glendale and Ventura.

The win over Ventura Friday night, 63-59, was designated the "Greatest Game of the Year" by a jubilant Coach Skip Enger.

The Saxons scored everything they shot early in the game and held the lead all the way. They were in front by 12 at the end of the third quarter.

The scoring was equally divided among Don Abbin (15), Jess Jacobs (14) and Ron Taylor (14).

The triumph moved North into the third round of competition, sending the Saxons against Western High, a 74-57 upset victor over fourth-seeded Centennial.

The upper half of the Triple "A" bracket has Redondo, Garden Grove, North and Western closing in on each other.

North's win over Ventura was particularly pleasing for the Saxons for the game was played in the Cougars backyard, Ventura College. Out-of-towners are not accustomed to getting breaks at Ventura, but in the case of North the ball went through the hoop and the opposition couldn't do much about it.

North defeated Glendale of the Foothill League in a first round game at home, 46-44.

NORTH (63)		FG	FT	PF	TP
Jacobs, J.	4	14	1	3	2
Proffitt, J.	3	12	1	2	1
Taylor, R.	4	14	1	2	1
Wynowski, C.	1	1	1	1	1
Shawyer, E.	2	11	1	1	1
Albin, J.	3	15	1	1	1
Richardson, G.	1	9	0	2	1
Totals	23	83	6	15	10

VENTURA (59)		FG	FT	PF	TP
Mattson, J.	4	16	1	3	2
Reardon, J.	3	15	1	2	1
Lythgoe, S.	3	12	1	2	1
Stacy, S.	2	12	1	2	1
Jones, E.	1	9	0	2	1
Coleman, G.	1	9	0	2	1
Totals	22	73	5	16	9

Score by Quarters	
North	18 15 14 16-63
Ventura	11 16 8 24-59

Recreation Basketball

Tuesday's Results
Week Aides vs. Gibbets 69.
Thursday's Results
Branch Office 108, Party House 58.
Youth's 78, Coastercraft 56.
Kilboe 78, Design Electric 72.
Games Next Thursday
At Torrance High — Kilboe vs. Youth's (7), Design vs. Branch Office (8), Party House vs. Coastercraft (9).

Long Beach reached the quarter-final round in the playoffs and will meet Rancho Alamitos on Tuesday.

South ended its season with a 19-7 record. One of the losses was to Poly in the Compton Tournament in January, 78-57.

Friday South held the lead momentarily, in the first quarter, but a 13-12 edge was wiped out under an avalanche of eight straight points by the victors.

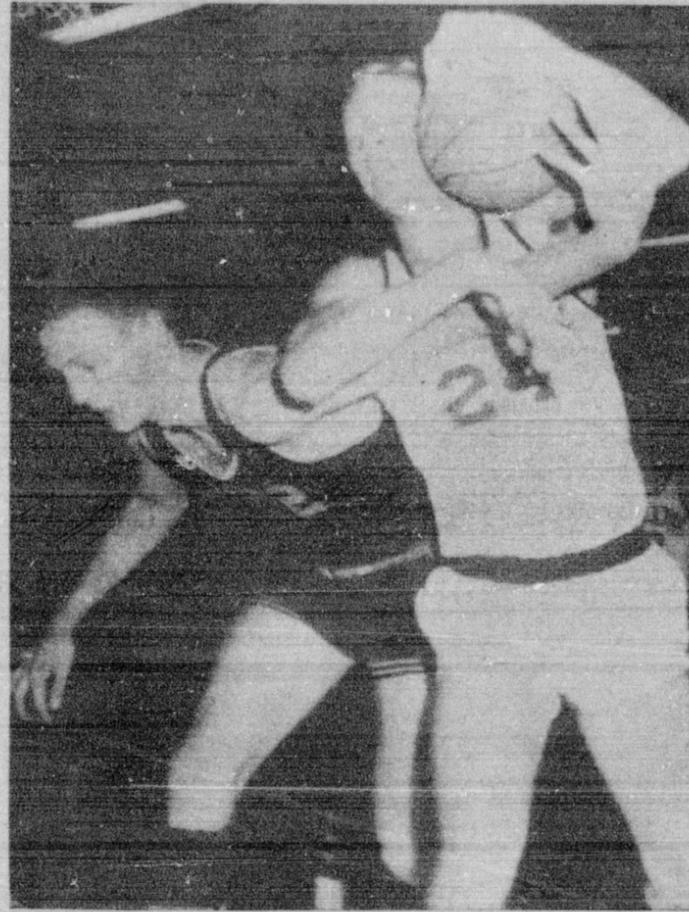
South was never closer than four points thereafter, and Poly pulled ahead by 15 in the third quarter and held it until the final minute of play.

The massive South rooting section remained in their seats several minutes after the game to herald their defeated heroes, a team Coach Jim Hanny praised for giving a 100 per cent effort.

The unseeded Spartans finished second in the Bay League with a 10-2 record and won a CIF game from San Gabriel Valley League Champion California High on Tuesday, 59-54.

L. B. POLY (69)		FG	FT	PF	TP
Calvin, C.	1	13	1	3	2
Johnson, J.	2	15	1	2	1
Harris, F.	3	15	1	2	1
Moore, E.	3	15	1	2	1
Walker, C.	3	15	1	2	1
Washington, G.	2	11	1	2	1
Mackey, R.	0	0	0	0	0
Leon, G.	0	0	0	0	0
Farris, E.	1	9	0	2	1
Totals	23	73	6	16	10

Score by Quarters	
L. B. Poly	12 12 12 33-69
South	13 17 15 23-59



BREAKING UNDER THE BUCKET . . . Walt Hale (24) of Torrance drives toward goal and is fouled by Jim Holway (32) of Simi. The Tartars won their third CIF "AA" playoff game with a 65-61 victory and will compete in the semi-finals Tuesday night against Buena or Fermin Lasuen. (Press-Herald Photo)

Torrance Moves To Semi-Finals

By JERRY REYNOLDS
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SANTA SUSANA — Torrance High staged its own first-quarter gold rush in the Land of the Pioneers Friday evening and used the cushion to advance to the semi-finals of the CIF "AA" basketball playoffs.

More than 2,000 fans jammed into the Simi Valley High School gymnasium to watch the Tartars earn a 65-61 victory over the Simi Pioneers. The win was the 16th in a row for Torrance and the 2nd of the season.

Torrance will meet the winner of the Fermin Lasuen-Buena High game Tuesday at an unknown site. The Lasuen-Buena game was played last night and results were not available at press time.

Torrance took a 15-0 lead in the first quarter of Friday's contest. "They wanted to win this one," Coach Will Boerger said after the game.

The game was nearly six minutes old when Simi scored its first point—on a free throw which Wendel Moeller bucketed when Walt Hale committed the first of two fouls.

But if Hale was responsible for the first Simi point, he more than got even. The six-foot-three senior forward scored 23 points—11 of them from the foul line—to lead all scorers. And he hauled in some rebounds that would have been impossible for many other players to touch, let alone hang onto.

Boerger was all smiles after the game — as were many other Tartars. "Give them all credit," he said.

The Tartar boss used his five veterans until Richard Davies, the six-foot-six center, left the court with 34 remaining. Davies, who picked up his fourth foul late in the fourth quarter, gave way to Robin Fisher for the last half minute of play. The big center scored seven crucial points, however, and chased rebounds like they were \$100 bills.

Simi made a desperate attempt to catch the Tartars in the fourth period after outscoring them in the third. Three times, the Pioneers came within four points, only to commit a foul or lose the ball for some other infraction of the rules.

Three Simi starters fouled out in the final four minutes of play.

Senior guard Bob Brennan—a cinch for all-league honors when and if they are announced — directed the Tartar attack with the precision of a field marshal. He scored 20 points himself, getting six free shots and seven field goals.

Torrance won the game at the free throw line, hitting 21 against five for the Pioneers. From the floor, however, Simi had a 23-22 edge.

TORRANCE		FG	FT	PF	TP
Hale, W.	6	21	2	2	2
Johnson, J.	3	11	1	1	1
Carver, J.	3	11	1	1	1
Brennan, B.	1	9	0	0	0
Fisher, R.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	61	4	4	4

SIMI (61)		FG	FT	PF	TP
Holway, J.	1	9	1	1	1
Moeller, W.	2	11	1	1	1
Payton, J.	1	9	0	0	0
Delaware, C.	4	11	1	1	1
Kitt, T.	1	9	0	0	0
Duran, J.	4	11	1	1	1
Cherry, G.	1	9	0	0	0
Totals	26	81	5	5	5

Score by Quarters	
Torrance	22 19 11 15-65
Simi	11 17 24 13-61

Garden Grove Next For Redondo Five

Redondo bumps into Free-way League champion Garden Grove High when the CIF "AAA" basketball playoffs resume on Tuesday.

The Seahawks reached the quarter-final round by beating Covina, 51-47, Friday night at West Covina High. Potent Garden Grove toppled LaHabra, 70-57.

The unbeaten Seahawks stretched their winning streak to 25 games, but only in the first quarter (19 points) did they maintain the steady scoring of the previous playoff victory over Bellflower, 83-57.

Dave Druliner was credited by Coach Rex Hughes with playing the key role in whip-

ping Covina. Druliner scored four field goals in the third quarter to give Redondo control of the lead. He had 13 points for the game, fouling out near the end.

Paul Hoffman, injured against Bellflower on a hard fall, spent Wednesday and Thursday receiving back and hip treatments. He scored six field goals against Covina, although unable to go full speed.

Steve Sooter, whose father, Doc Sooter, is coach of Covina, scored 21 points on nine goals.

Coach Hughes called Covina a very good team. Hughes' only disappointment with Redondo was the low 5-

point second quarter which allowed the host club to tie at halftime, 24-24. The victors had six careless turnovers in the second period, but they evened out later on two "taps" by reserve center Carl Honigmann.

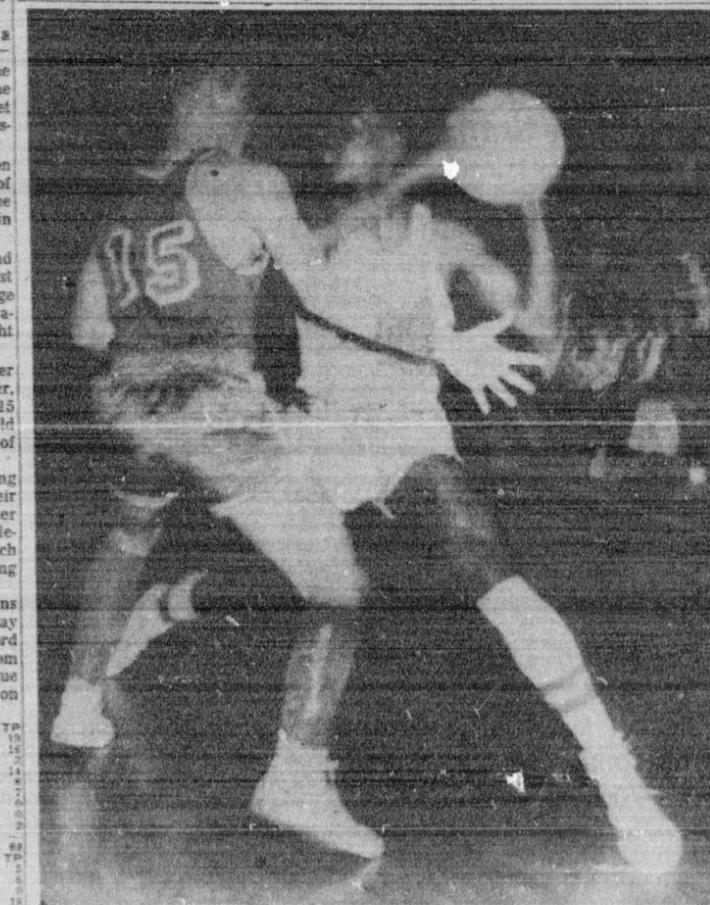
COVINA (51)		FG	FT	PF	TP
Hoffman, P.	1	9	1	1	1
Cole, J.	0	0	0	0	0
Sooter, S.	4	23	1	1	1
Honigmann, C.	2	9	1	1	1
Dax, E.	0	0	0	0	0
Druliner, G.	1	11	1	1	1
Woodfin, E.	1	9	0	2	1
Totals	21	61	5	6	5

Score by Quarters	
Redondo	19 14 12 16-61
Covina	15 11 10 15-51

5-10 and Under League Planned For Basketball

The Torrance Recreation Department is planning to organize an adult basketball league, with a height limitation of 5'10", to begin in the middle of March.

Persons interested in the formation of such a league are urged to contact Elmer "Red" Moon, adult athletics supervisor, for the City Department, at 3031 Torrance Blvd. The telephone number is FA 8-5310, Ext. 263.



WHAT TO DO WITH THE BALL . . . Causes Mack Calvin of Long Beach Poly to pause while guarded by Chuck Fernandes of the South Spartans in their CIF playoff game Friday night. Poly controlled the ball most of the game for a 69-59 win and advanced to the quarter-finals. (Press-Herald Photo)

CIF Cage Results

CIF "AAA" PLAYOFFS
Redondo 51, Covina 57.
Garden Grove 70, La Habra 57.
North 51, Ventura 59.
Western 74, Centennial 67.
L. B. Poly 69, South 59.
Rancho Alamitos 74, Ramona 68.
Oxnard 85, Montebello 70.
St. Anthony 56, Monrovia 74.
CIF "AA" PLAYOFFS
Colton 43, Chino 41.
Sevite 55, Pomona 54.
Torrance 65, Simi 61.
Buena vs. Fermin Lasuen (incomplete).
CIF "A" PLAYOFFS (Semi-Finals)
Hemet 56, South Hills 41.
Valley Christian 51, Webb 48.



JIM ELLINGTON
Hockey Season Ends

Ice Hockey Teams Set For Banquet

The Bay Harbor Ice Hockey Association, having concluded its season, will hold an awards banquet Saturday, March 20, according to Jim Ellington, president.

The dinner at the Torrance YWCA will feature speaker Warren Hynes of the Los Angeles Blades.

Tarzana handed the Bay Juniors a 15-3 defeat, N. Walk's Bantams skated to a 22-0 shutout, and the Mighty Mites went down against Culver City, 5-3.

The Bay Harbor teams will concentrate on exhibition matches and practice sessions until the regular fall season.

Pomona Nine Beats Knights

Pomona Catholic won a non-league basketball game from Bishop Montgomery Friday afternoon on the loser's field. Pomona scored twice in the seventh inning for the win.

The loss gives Montgomery a 2-2 record in practice play. The Knights lost to Torrance earlier in the week, 3-2.

Blades, Leafs Compete Twice

Still buoyed by the hope, however slight, of a berth in the Lester Patrick Cup play, the Los Angeles Blades host Victoria's Maple Leafs in a pair of Western Hockey League encounters at the Sports Arena Wednesday and Friday.

Both games begin at 8 p.m. The contests will mark the last regularly-scheduled appearances of the season in Los Angeles for Coach Rudy Pilous' colorful Leafs.

Pony League Meets Tuesday

A general meeting of the West Torrance Pony League will be held at Sepulveda School cafeteria Tuesday at 8 p.m.

George Schindler, president invited league boys attend as all team assignments will be announced.

Motorcycle Race Gets 200 Entries

Five current and former national Tourist Trophy motorcycle champions lead an all-time record field of more than 200 riders into action at the Ascot Park today in the fifth annual 100-lap Grand Prix steeplechase.

Racing director J. C. Agajanian has scheduled qualifying starting at 9:30 a.m. to reduce the overflow field to 33 starters for the tortuous test around the twists and turns of Ascot's hazardous 'chase course.

The champions of national American Motorcycle Assn. events from Gardena to Peoria, Ill., are Dick Dorresteyn and Dick Mann, both two-time U.S. winners, and solo champions Dick Hammer, Sid Payne and Dave Palmer.

The presence of the elite of steeplechase racing, not to forget the likes of Bob Bailey, Skip Van Leeuwen, Eddie Mulder and Clark White, the 100-lapper becomes strictly wide-open.

"I defy anyone to pick a winner in a race where so much can happen to both man and machine," said Agajanian, who as usual for the two-wheeled Grand Prix, is preparing for an overflow crowd.

The race has come to be the longest and roughest as well as richest AMA dirt track event on the Pacific Coast.

Ascot Park is at 183rd and Vermont, just off both the Harbor and San Diego freeways.